

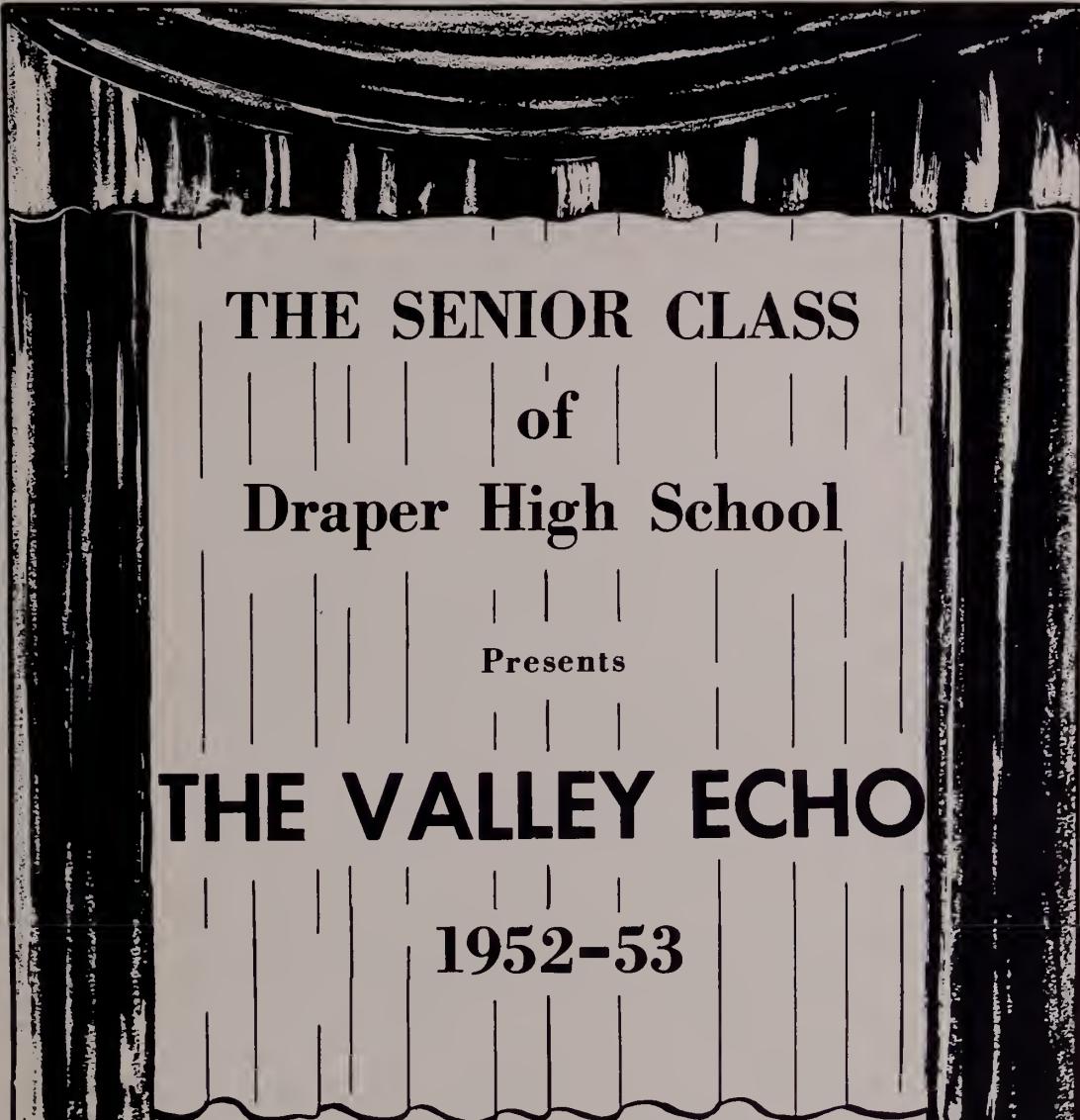
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# THE VALLEY ECHO









THE SENIOR CLASS

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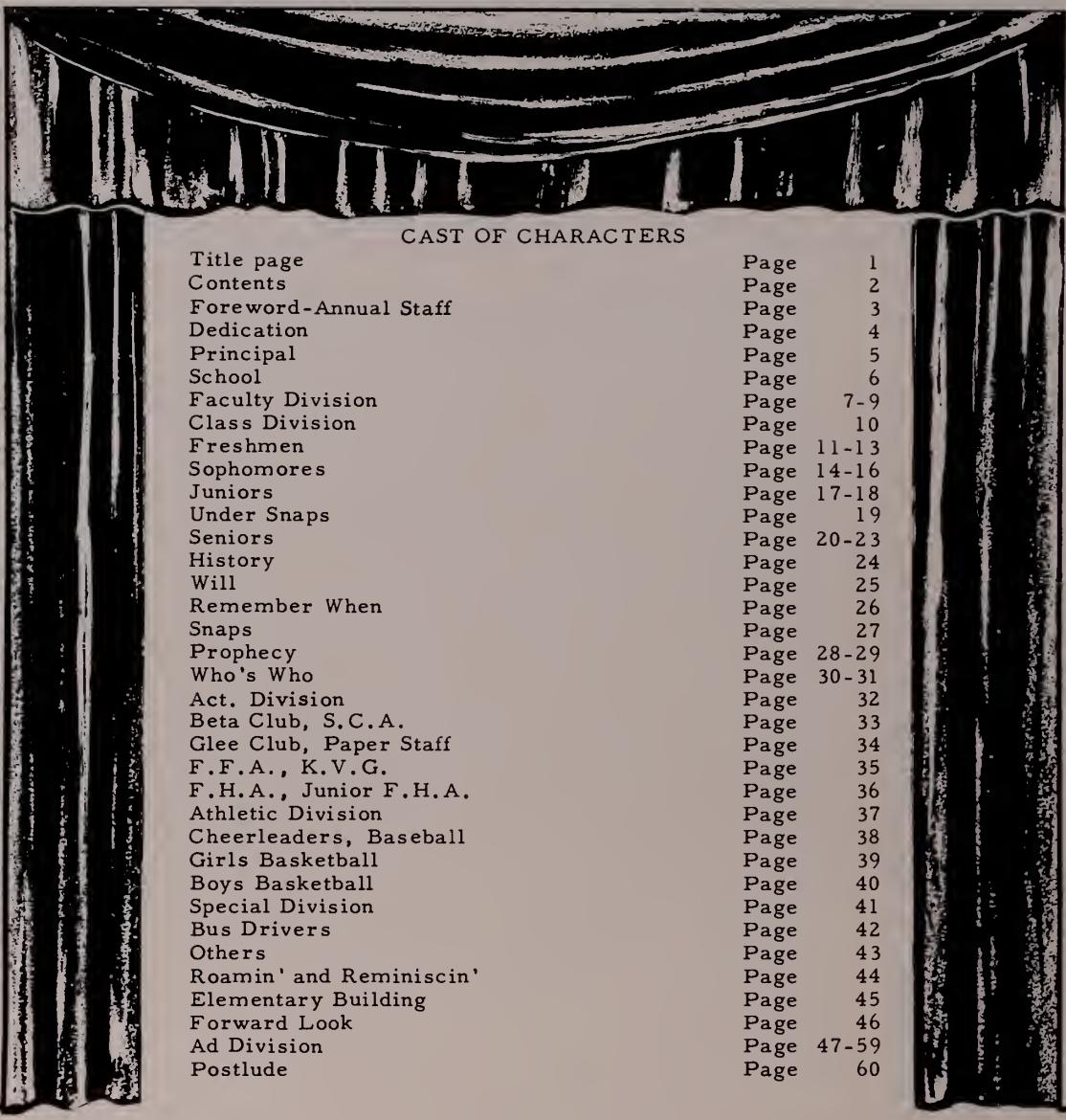
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1952-53

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## *Foreword*

The Senior Class of Draper High School publishes the 1952-53 edition of the Valley Echo in an effort to preserve for you and yours the precious memories of your school days.

Our school has been and is much more than the building and furnishings; it is also the people who pursue or guide learning. But it is even more--it is the joys and sorrows, the fair weather and foul, the work and play, the spirit of fellowship and friendship which we have shared. Long after the physical structure of Draper High School has lost its identity in the elements, these other things that are our school will remain.

## *Annual Staff*



SEATED: Jerome Clark, Business Manager; Jane Wood, Editor; Shirley Hodge, Assistant Editor; Bobby Quesenberry, Circulation Manager. STANDING: Norma O'Dell, Typist; Gene Hubbard, Photograph Editor; William Duncan, Assistant Business Manager; Miss Poole, Sponsor. NOT PICTURED: Don Fariss and Agnes Taylor, Ad-Getters.

## *Dedication*

Believing that we express the sentiment not only of the present student body but also of all those who have spent years of training or work here, we, the Senior Class of 1953, dedicate this edition of The Valley Echo to Draper High School.

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO -



Vernon M. Newman

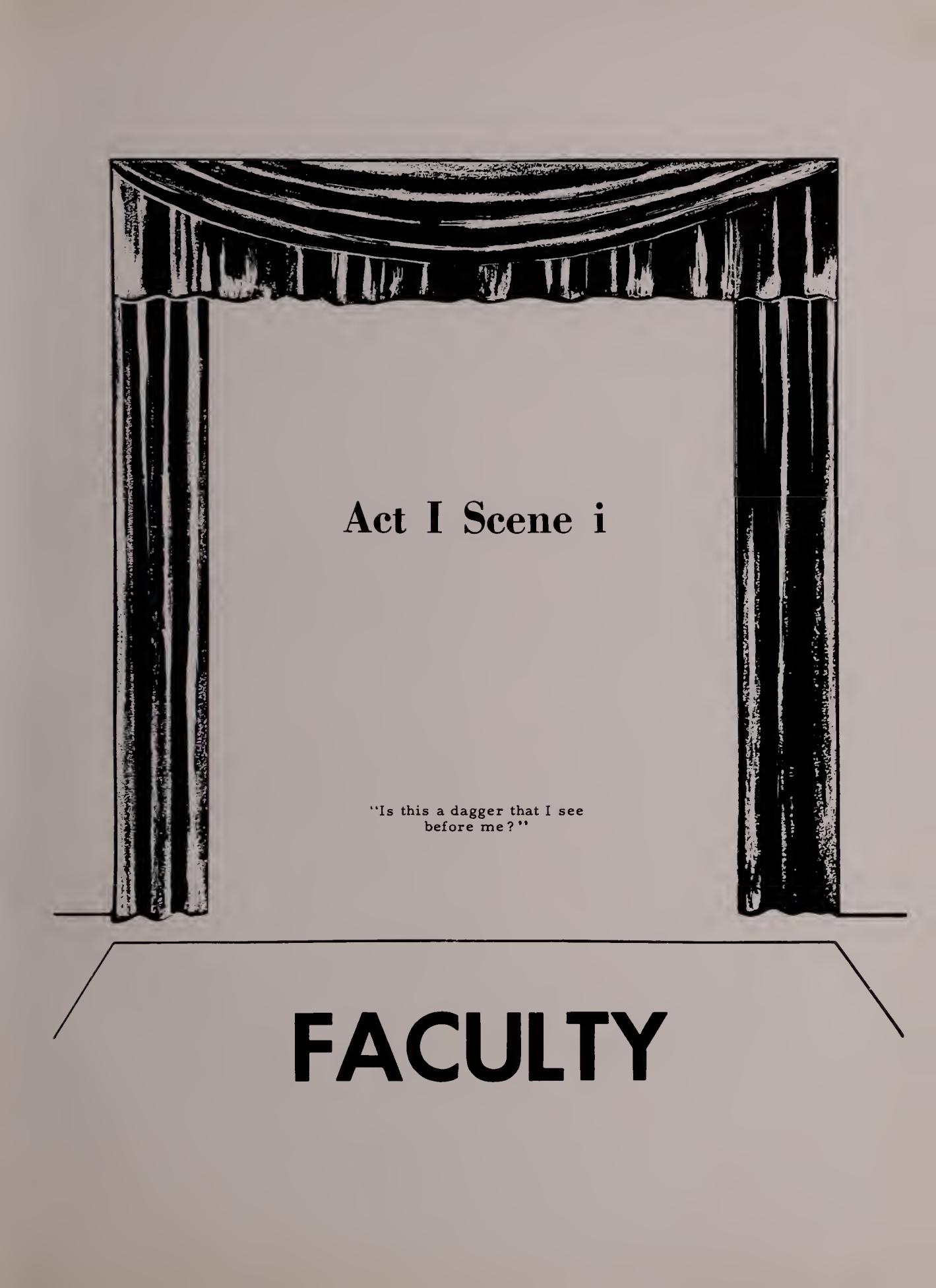
For his untiring efforts to make Draper High School a happy and progressive family; for his friendship, his guidance; for all the thankless behind-the-scenes activities which are necessary to the smooth operation of any organization; for these and for all the unnamed services rendered daily, we say a hearty "thank you" to our principal, Vernon M. Newman.

*Administration Building*



*Home Economics Cottage*





## Act I Scene i

"Is this a dagger that I see  
before me?"

**FACULTY**

# Faculty

Vernon M. Newman  
B.S. Radford College  
M.A. George Peabody  
Principal



Ralph Allison  
B.S.V.P.I.  
Health and Phys. Ed.  
Coach



Mrs. Ann Armbrister  
B.A. Emory and Henry College  
English, Civics

Hattie Dalton  
Radford College  
Fifth Grade



Martha Edmondson  
B.S. Radford College  
Home Economics

Elizabeth Gannaway  
Longwood College  
Seventh Grade



James H. Godfrey  
B.M. Ed. Oberline  
Choral

Margaret Harper  
Radford College  
Fourth Grade



Mrs. Edith Honaker  
B.S. Radford College  
Sixth Grade

Mrs. Elva Hurst  
B.S. Radford College  
First Grade



# Faculty

Lois Jackson  
Draper High School  
Secretary



Mary Frances Lovern  
B.A. Emory and Henry  
Librarian, English

Byrd P. McGavock  
A.B. Randolph-Macon's  
Women's College  
R.N. Luke's Hospital,  
New York  
Science, Math

Mrs. Canary Newman  
B.S. Radford College  
Science,  
Biology, Gen. Bus.

Grace Patton  
B.S. Radford College  
Social Studies

Herley Poole  
A.B. Lynchburg College  
English



Elizabeth Tate  
B.S. Radford College  
Second Grade

C. E. Tilson  
B.S. and M.S.  
W. & L. and V.P.I.



Mrs. Helen Tilson  
A.B. Lenoir Rhyne College  
Third Grade



Irene Umberger  
B.S. Radford College  
Commercial

"O, thoughts of men accurst!  
Past and to come seem best;  
Things present worst."

## Act I Scene ii



# CLASSES

## *Freshmen Class Officers*



Gaye Quesenberry  
President



Leecy Jennings  
Vice President



Billy Luckado  
Secretary

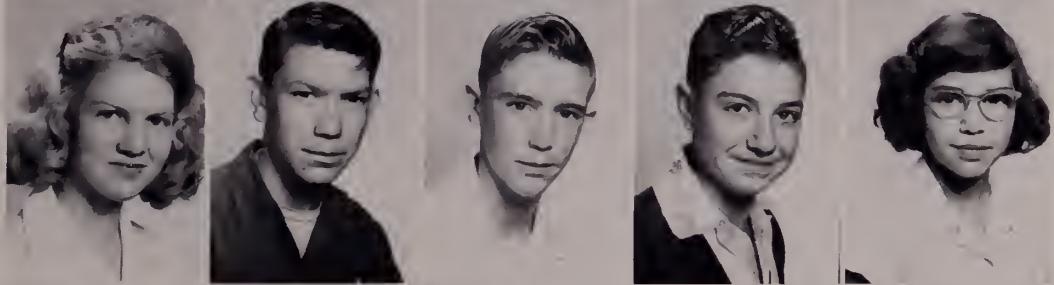


Theodore Cox  
Treasurer

## *Freshmen*



Donald Akers  
Joe Bill Alderman  
Mary Alderman  
Kenneth Allison  
Patty Blackwell



Kaye Bond  
Billy Boyd  
Elmer Boyd  
Donald Burnette  
Barbara Burton



Jane Chinault  
Johnny Chinault  
Edna Covey  
Betty Cox  
Floyd Cox



Lois Crigger  
Kenneth Duncan  
Mary Duncan  
Garnett Edmonds  
Mildred Edmonds

## Freshmen



FIRST ROW: Estrue Edwards, Curtis Elkins, Patsy Fariss, Glenna Flinchum, Gordon Gallimore, Harold Goad. SECOND ROW: Becky Gunn, Thelma Hall, Wanda Harrell, David Henley, Erby Hollingsworth, Irene Hollingsworth. THIRD ROW: Richard Hurst, Junior Hylton, Marie Lefler, Donnie McCambridge, Ronnie McCambridge, Ann McCormick. FOURTH ROW: Dorothy McPeak, Margaret Mabe, Clyde Martin, Melvin Martin, Janet Meredith, Margaret Meredith. FIFTH ROW: Mary Moore, Howard Morris, Richard Nunn, Cletis O'Dell, Donnie O'Dell, Florence O'Dell.

## *Freshmen*



FIRST ROW: Noel O'Dell, Tommie O'Dell, Joseph Puckett, Alma Quesenberry, Beatrice Quesenberry, Dawn Quesenberry. SECOND ROW: Cleton Quesenberry, Venton Quesenberry, Jimmy Rogers, China Belle Rooth, George Scott, Barbara Shaw. THIRD ROW: Maxine Shelburne, Cleton Simpkins, Shelby Simpkins, Mildred Smith, Ronnie Thornton, Cleo Trail. FOURTH ROW: Hermon Vires, Donald Wall, Leon Wall, Carl Webb, Ralph Webb, Richard Webb. FIFTH ROW: Jimmy Whitehead, Shirley Whitt, David Wilson, Ethel Wilson, Arnold Windle, Oscar Windle.

## *Sophomore Class Officers*



Archie Alderman  
President



Bessie Howell  
Vice President



Nell Thornton  
Secretary



Dawn Cox  
Secretary



Patsy Jackson  
Reporter

## *Sophomores*



Maven Alexander  
Alta Chrisley  
Jerry Coltrane  
May Belle Cox



Jimmy Crigger  
Ruby Dalton  
Duane Dishon  
Norris Dishon



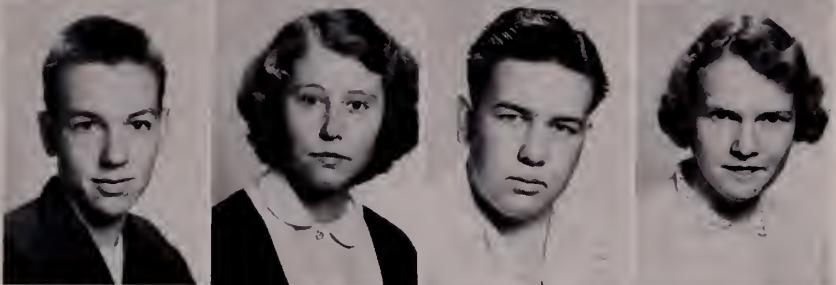
Mary Duncan

## *Sophomores*

Nancy Dishon  
Joe Edwards  
Doris Graham  
Joyce Harler



Lee Harrell  
Faye Harrell  
Jay Harris  
Betty Henley



Donald Jarrells  
Peggy Jennings  
Alford Lawson  
Irene Lawson



Mary Lawson  
James Lefler  
Pauline Lester  
Colleen Long



Juanita Marshall  
Billy Martin  
Mary Martin  
Jacque Meadows



E. J. Melton  
Colleen Moore  
Bobbie Morefield  
Eunice O'Dell



## *Sophomores*



Helen O'Dell  
Jerry O'Dell  
Loretta O'Dell  
Melvin Phillips



Sylvia Phillips  
Clyde Quesenberry  
Robert Quesenberry  
Margaret Rigney



Horace Seagle  
Glenna Shelton  
Millard Simpkins  
Janie Stilwell



Gearline Sutphin  
Hattie Marie Taylor  
Joyce Taylor  
Arnold Thornton



Edgar Turman  
Hubert Turman  
Robert Turman  
Peggy Warden



Mary Ellen Watson  
Everett Webb  
Ethel Wood

## *Junior Class Officers*



Beth Akers  
President



Reginald Hawley  
Vice President



Hetty Lou Rigney  
Secretary-Treasurer



Virginia Scott  
Reporter

## *Junior Class*



Royce Akers  
Carl Allison  
Tommy Baker  
Joyce Bond



Betty Boyd  
Marie Butts  
David Coltrane  
Cecile Covey



Buddy Cox  
Lucille Cox  
Joyce Dalton  
Garnie Dishon  
Maxine Duncan

## *Juniors*



Jean Foutz  
Donna French  
Christine Gallimore  
Betty Mae Gleason



Maxine Hollingsworth  
Betty Anne Huddleston  
Jane Hurst  
Eleanor Jamison



Junior McGrady  
Monroe McMillian  
Mildred O'Dell  
John Phillips



Mary Lee Phillips  
Joyce Quesenberry  
Donald Reece  
Betty Shaw



Clyde Snavely  
James Thornton  
Patsy Wilson  
Louise Young



1. When's the wedding? 2. A bushel and a peck. 3. Belles of the schoolbus.  
 4. Smile for the birdie. 5. Watch that frown. 6. Don't kill her! 7. Undescribable.  
 8. Hole that pose. 9. Fuzzy wuzzy. 10. How about a ride? 11. Going somewhere, Dawn? 12. Hattie's on the cold, cold ground. 13. Watch that knee! 14. Who is the friend, Eunice? 15. Hey, Pat, what's the matter?  
 16. Bashful Hattie. 17. The Three Stooges. 18. Better get back on the school ground. 19. Close your mouth. 20. The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth. 21. The "Carter Sisters." 22. How about a date? 23. "Stone walls do not a prison make" 24. Colleen, lean on your own lunch. 25. Glamour girl. 26. Bill's smiling canary. 27. "Eppie in the tole hole." 28. Long, Long ago.

## *Seniors*



NORMA LEAH O'DELL  
Athletic, co-operative, happy

CLAUDINE GLENNNA BUCKNER  
Dependable, gay, neat



SHIRLEY JEANETTE HODGE  
Short, friendly, co-operative

BOBBY QUESENBERRY  
Unconcerned, talkative, friendly



FRANCES ORIN O'DELL  
Witty, helpful, friendly

JEROME CLARK  
Jolly, comical, friendly



# *Seniors*

EMMA COVEY  
Neat, cheerful, domestic

EUGENE COX  
Class pest



JOHNNY DICKERSON  
Lively, carefree

NANCY LEE DUNCAN  
Sincere, interested, considerate



WILLIAM DUNCAN  
Quiet, bashful, good natured

DON FARISS  
Thoughtful, energetic, capable

## *Seniors*



GENE HUBBARD  
Dependable, impartial, teasing

CURTIS HYLTON  
Smiling, well-liked, helpful



BEATRICE LUCILLE JARRELLS  
Capable, dependable, studious

ISABELLE JANE MARSHALL  
Quiet, undisturbed, loyal



PANSY NEWBY  
Succeeding, intelligent, serious

DOTT PHILLIPS  
Gay, carefree, chatty



## *Seniors*

POAGE SHOWALTER  
Different, serious, quiet

JENNY LEE SOUTHERN  
Cheerful, energetic, talkative



MARION AGNES TAYLOR  
Mischievous, persistent, adaptable

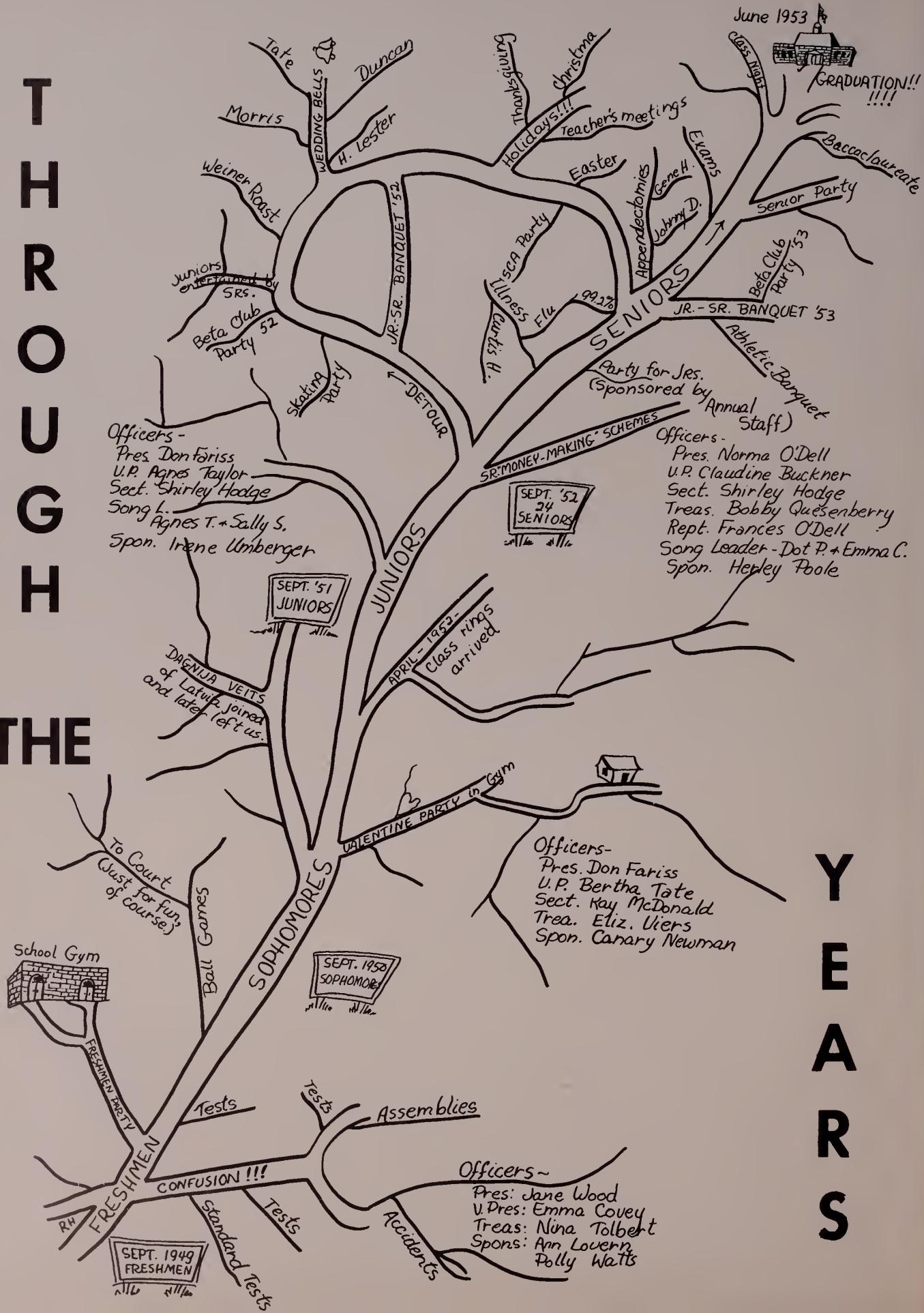
WALTER THORNTON  
Courteous, appreciative, earnest



MARGIE MARIE TURMAN  
Good natured, smiling, chatty

JANE ALICE WOOD  
Stable, dependable, studious

# THROUGH THE YEARS



# Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of 1952-53, being of sound mind and body, do on this eighth day of June 1953, declare this to be our last will and testament, properties herein named to be passed to the recipients immediately.

I, Claudine Buckner, will my place as secretary of Beta Club to Betty Ann Hudleston.

I, Jerome Clark, will my ability to get along with Mr. Allison to Royce Akers.

I, Emma Covey, will my back seat in bookkeeping to Cecile Covey.

I, Gene Cox, will my silly remarks to Donald Reese.

I, Johnny Dickerson, will my muscles to Monroe McMillian.

I, Nancy Duncan, will my quietness to Joyce Quesenberry.

I, William Duncan, will my ability to get along with everyone to Christine Galimore.

I, Don Fariss, will my seat on the bus to anyone who thinks he could enjoy it as I do.

I, Shirley Hodge, will my outstanding personality to Betty Boyd.

I, Gene Hubbard, will my A's in senior Literature to anyone who can make better.

I, Curtis Hyton, will my place as bus driver number 6 to Jim Baker.

I, Beatrice Jarrells, will my willingness to work to Betty Gleason.

I, Isabelle Marshall, will my cooking recipes to Mildred O'Dell.

I, Pansy Newby, will my place on honor roll to Reggie Hawley.

I, Frances O'Dell, will my place as treasurer of the Beta Club to my little sister, Eunice.

I, Norma O'Dell, will my place as captain of the basketball team to Hetty Rigney.

I, Dott Phillips, will my study halls to Junior McGrady.

I, Bobby Quesenberry, will my upper false teeth to Tommy Baker.

I, Poage Showalter, will my ability to make A's and B's to Royce Akers.

I, Sally Southern, will my place as captain of the Cheerleaders to Patsy Wilson.

I, Agnes Taylor, will my brains to anyone who can find them.

I, Walter Thornton, will my freckles to Buddy Cox.

I, Marie Turman, will my worn out note-book to Janie Stilwell.

I, Jane Wood, will my place as editor of the "Valley Echo" to Lucille Cox.

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We, The Senior Class, will to Miss Poole our appreciation for directing and guiding us in a most successful year.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mr. Allison a spotlessly clean gymnasium.

We, The Senior Class, will to Miss Umberger a companion (male) to keep her company on the trip to and from Wytheville each day.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mr. Tilson a group of F.F.A. boys who will work and take more interest in F.F.A. Chapter.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mr. Godfrey a girls Glee Club that is as good as the one this year.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mr. Newman an electric fence to keep all the students on school ground.

We, The Senior Class, will to Miss Edmondson a group of girls that will take pride and interest in keeping the Home Economics Building clean.

We, The Senior Class, will to Miss Patton a geography class who can locate "Canada" on the map.

We, The Senior Class, will to Miss Lovern a senior class that will recite memory work because they like to.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mrs. Armbrister a group that can interpret what they read.

We, The Senior Class, will to Miss McGavock a first-aid department in the school.

We, The Senior Class, will to Mrs. Pratt our appreciation for cheerfully putting up with us through our school career.

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(Last Will and Testament continued)

We, The Senior Class, will to the Junior Class the strength and energy to take the last big step to success.

We, The Senior Class, will to the Sophomore Class the ambition to further their education.

We, The Senior Class, will to the Freshman Class the ability to keep growing until they become "dignified" seniors.

Signed: The Class of 1952-53  
Draper High School

CLASS COLORS:  
Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER:  
White Rose

"And all our yesterdays  
Have lighted fools the way  
To dusty death"...

## Remember When

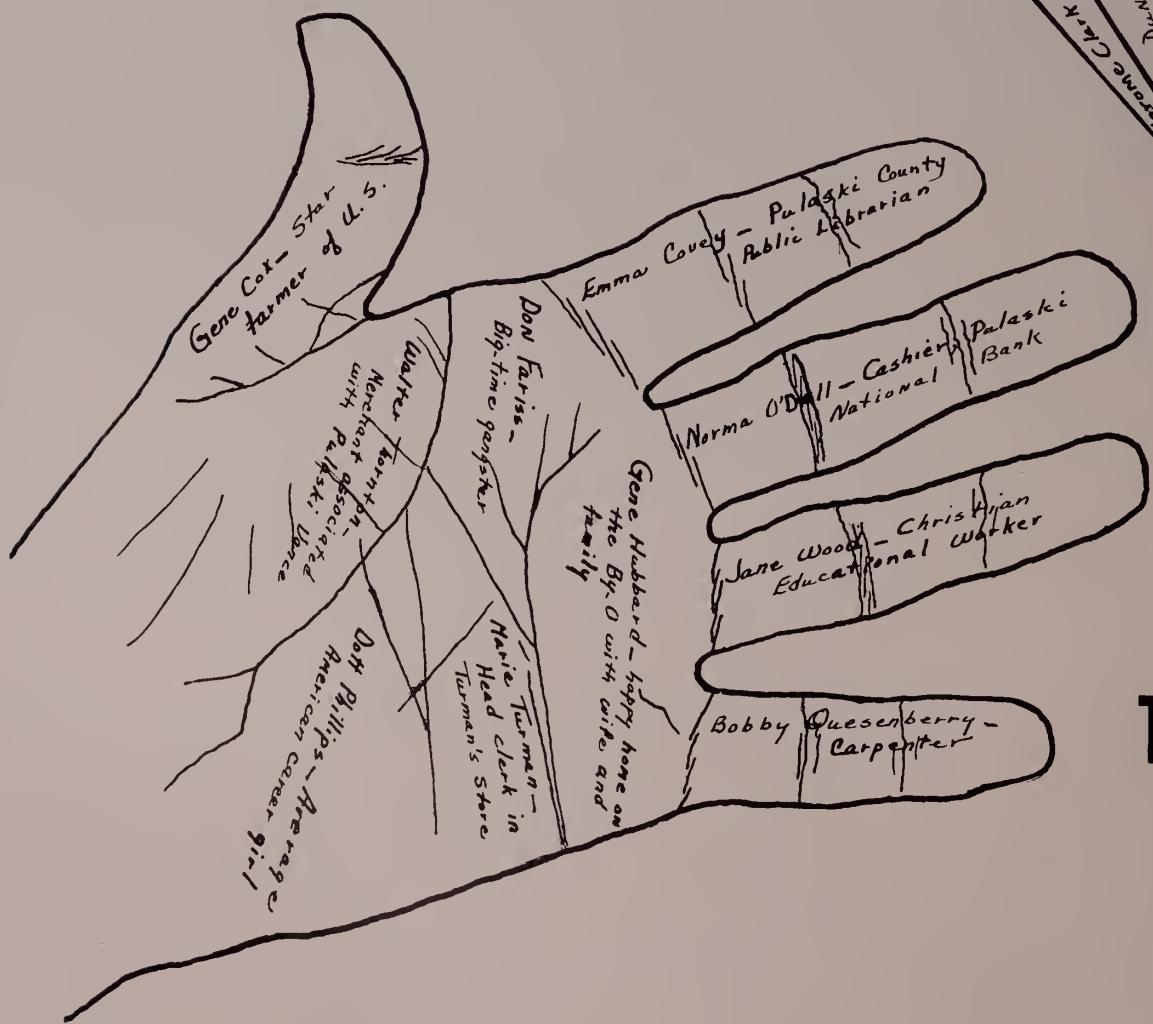
Jerome Clark-wore bib overalls.  
Gene Cox-had bubble-gum trouble, and how?  
Johnny Dickerson-had a G. I. haircut.  
William Duncan-flirted with the girls.  
Don Fariss-had to wear a bow-tie.  
Gene Gubbard-had his first date.  
Curtis Hylton-couldn't draw.  
Bobby Quesenberry-got too big for his breeches.  
Poage Showalter-was ever noisy.  
Walter Thornton-was short.  
Claudine Buckner-wasn't pretty.  
Emma Covey-didn't like Air Force Men.  
Nancy Duncan-wore glasses.  
Shirley Hodge-had short hair.  
Beatrice Jarrells-wore braids.  
Pansy Newby-was sent to the office for being tardy.  
Frances O'Dell-wasn't mischievous.  
Norma O'Dell-didn't like basketball.  
Sally Southern-got her diamond.  
Agnes Taylor-didn't like cheerleading.  
Marie Turman-got lost and found.  
Jane Wood-didn't make good grades.  
Dott Phillips-wasn't jolly.  
Isabelle Marshall-fell while running to the bus.

# Senior Snaps

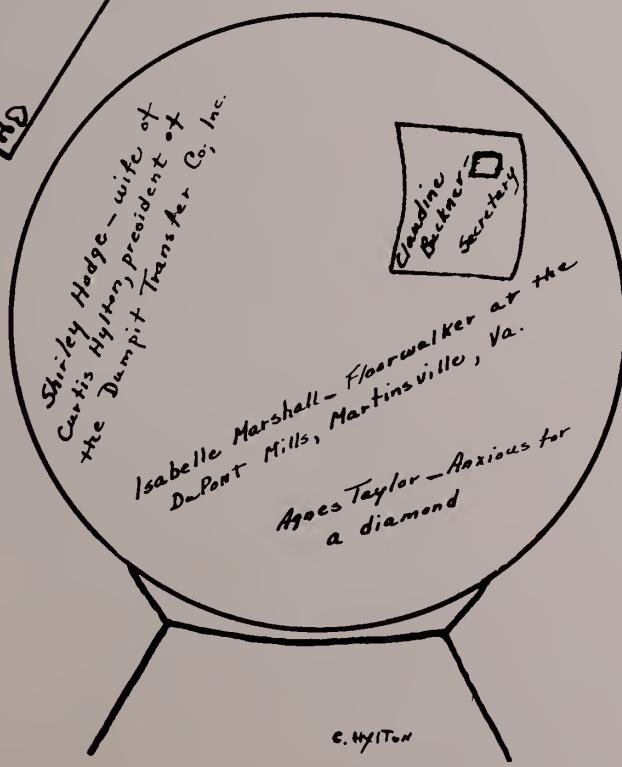
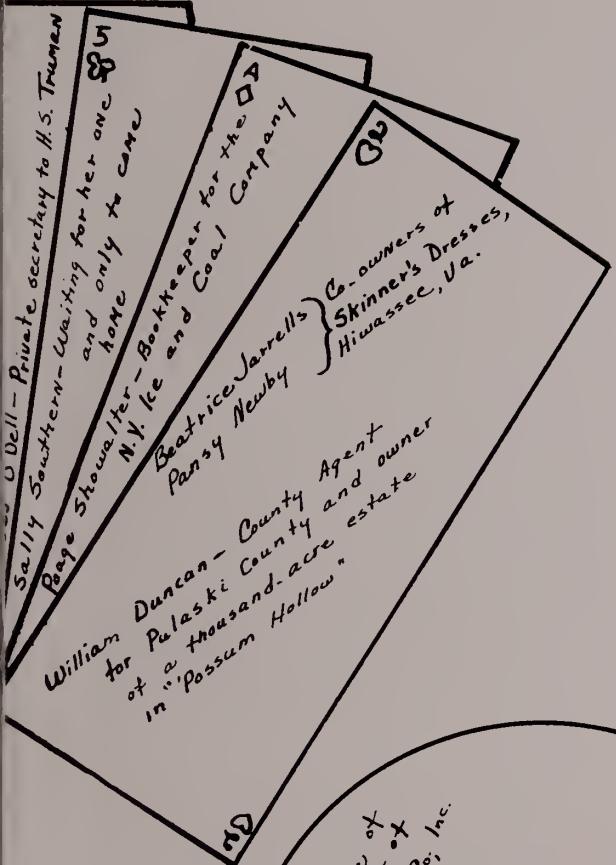


1-Left at the Church? 2-Pals always. 3-Koochie Koo, Jane! 4-Brrrrr, Santa!!!!  
 5-Our cheerleaders, in plain clothes. 6-Woops, leaning too far there. 7-Come on, not so solemn. 8-On your mark... 9-Give me a bite, Beatrice. 10-Woo, Woo!!! 11-Little old Pansy. 12-Engaged!!! 13-Four happy seniors. 14-Love her, Nancy? 15-The latest in Ford bumpers. 16-Our happy French class. 17-Sweet little Poagie. 18-Ready for church? 19-Jest living. 20-Whatcha pointing at? 21-The head mentor of it all. 22-Going my way? 23-Cuddle Bugs. 24-You tell 'em, Don. 25-Gene with the light brown hair. 26-Baby Shirley. 27-"Don't let the stars get in your eyes." 28-What? Again? 29-Hold your mouth right. 30-Play ball!

# INTO THE



# FUTURE



Jane Wood



Citizenship  
Honor Student

Bobby Quesenberry



Citizenship

Frances O'Dell



Honor Student

Pansy Newby



Honor Student

# Who

Norma O'Dell



Don Fariss

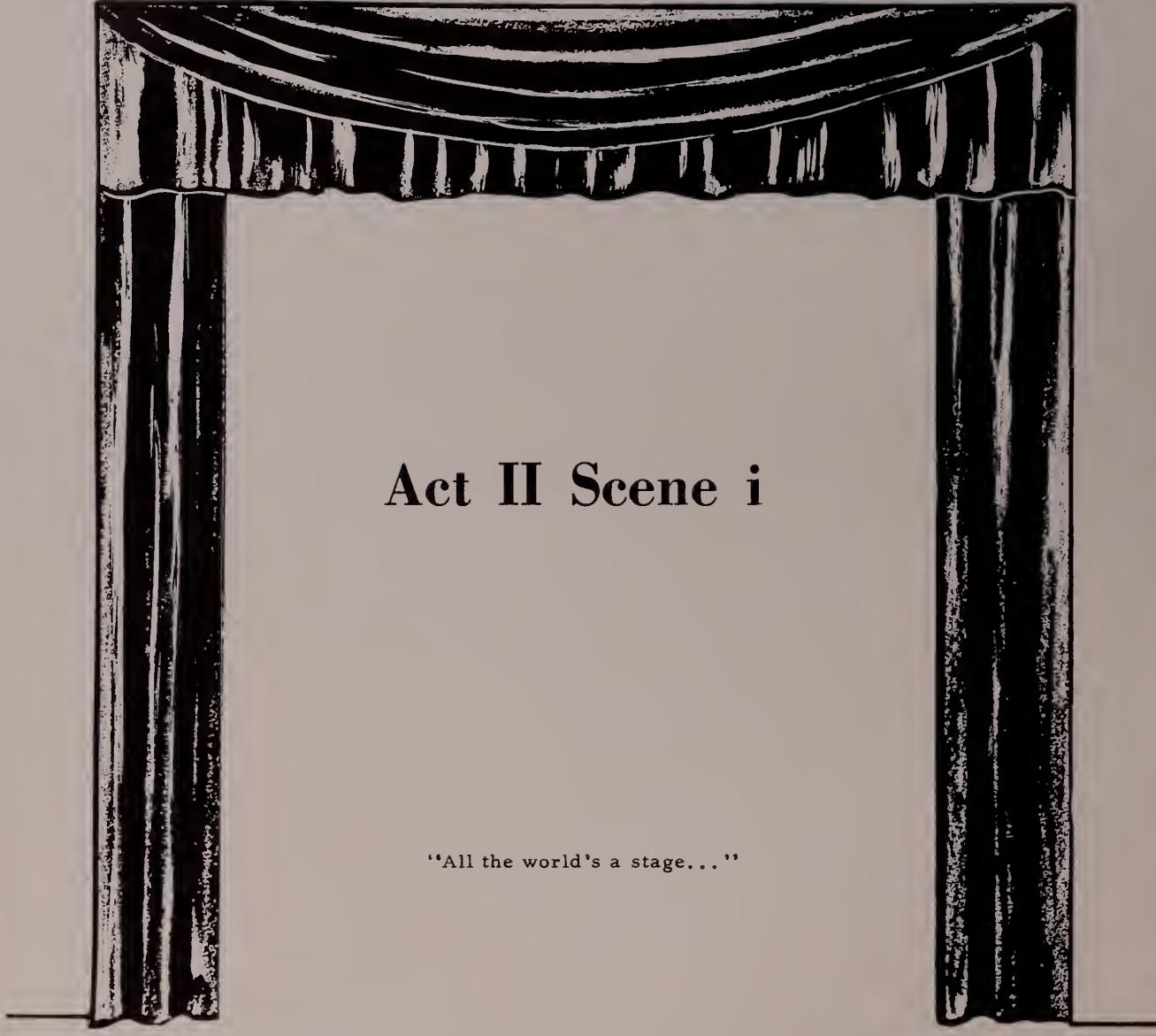


Beatrice Jarrells



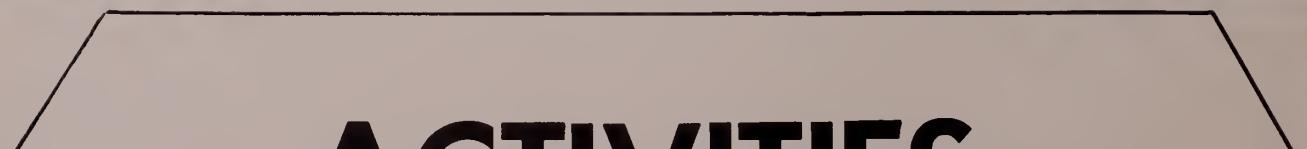
Claudine Buckner





## Act II Scene i

"All the world's a stage..."



# ACTIVITIES

## Beta Club



Miss Lovern  
 Sponsor  
 F. O'Dell  
 Treasurer  
 C. Buckner  
 Secretary  
 J. Wood  
 President  
 D. Fariss  
 Vice-President  
 G. Dishon  
 C. Gallimore  
 B. Huddleston  
 S. Hodge  
 C. Covey  
 P. Wilson  
 D. Reece  
 B. Cox  
 R. Hawley  
 B. Quesenberry  
 J. Phillips  
 N. O'Dell  
 J. Bond  
 L. Cox  
 P. Newby

The Beta Club is a non-secret organization for students of high scholastic standing. The club has two primary aims: (1) To encourage students to maintain a good average (2) To work for the betterment of the school, both socially and scholastically.

"Who seeks and will not take when offered,  
 Shall never find it more."

## Student Council

N. O'Dell  
 President  
 J. Gunn  
 S. Hodge  
 Reporter  
 P. Jackson  
 G. Quesenberry  
 P. Kinser  
 P. Morefield  
 B. Howell  
 Mr. Allison  
 Sponsor  
 M. Duncan  
 L. Cox  
 C. Gallimore  
 R. Hurst  
 D. Fariss  
 R. Hawley  
 Secretary  
 J. Crigger  
 G. Dishon  
 NOT PICTURED:  
 C. Hylton  
 Vice-President  
 N. Duncan



"To thine ownself  
 Be true..."

The S.C.A. is an organization to promote better leadership, understanding and co-operation among the students. It is composed of representatives from each home room.

# Glee Club



The Girls Glee Club is a credit class of forty-one members. Anyone is eligible to join at the beginning of the year; however, no one is admitted later.

The Glee Club attends each year the District Festival and the Pulaski County Choral Festival. It participated in the all Sectional Chorus which was held in Martinsville this year.



Director  
James H. Godfrey

Huddleston  
Clark  
N. O'Dell  
Hodge  
Miss Umberger  
Miss Lovern  
Quesenberry  
Hawley  
F. O'Dell  
Cox  
Duncan  
Rigney  
Wood  
Buckner

Jackson  
G. Quesenberry  
Moore  
McCormick  
Gunn  
J. Bond  
French  
A. Quesenberry  
Fariss  
Wilson  
Blackwell  
Thornton  
Long  
Covey  
Alderman  
Warden  
J. Quesenberry  
Dishon  
K. Bond  
Whitt  
Foutz  
D. Quesenberry  
O'Dell  
Covey  
Huddleston  
O'Dell  
Southern  
Taylor  
Smith  
Chinault  
B. Shaw  
B. Shaw  
B. Rorrer  
Jennings  
Mabe  
Shelburne  
Wood  
Cox  
Howell  
Dalton

# Paper Staff



The staff of the Draper Nutshell is made up of interested students. The purpose of the newspaper is to inform students, patrons, and friends of the activities of various classes, clubs, organizations, and athletics, as well as to boost school spirit and develop an interest in newspaper writing.

## Future Farmers of America

The Draper's Valley Chapter of Future Farmers of America is a part of the National F.F.A. organization of, by, and for farm boys studying vocational agriculture. The motto of the F.F.A. is learning to do; doing to learn; earning to live; and living to serve.



FIRST ROW: C. Allison, J. Baker, M. McMillian, G. Dishon, N. Dishon, M. Alexander. SECOND ROW: Mr. Tilson, Advisor, C. Simpkins, T. Cox, D. Vires, H. Morris, D. O'Dell, J. Thornton, Treasurer, R. Akers, President, B. Cox, Secretary, E. Turman, D. Webb, D. Wall, R. McCambridge, D. McCambridge, E. Trail. THIRD ROW: C. Simpkins, R. Turman, L. Wall, B. Jarrells, E. Webb, D. Jarrells, H. Goad, H. Turman, A. Alderman, E. Melton, J. Crigger, B. Martin, B. Luckadoo, D. Dishon, A. Windle.

## K. V. G.



The K. V. G. of the Draper Valley Chapter is dedicated to the purpose of trying to prevent forest fires in Pulaski County and surrounding counties. We offer our help when a forest fire occurs in our county.

FIRST ROW: Royce Akers, Jim Baker, Buddy Cox, E.J. Melton. SECOND ROW: Mr. Tilson, Maven Alexander, Billy Jarrells, Donnie O'Dell, Monroe McMillian, Archie Alderman, Jimmy Thornton, Garnie Dishon. THIRD ROW: Carl Allison, Donald Jarrells, Howard Morris, Harold Goad, Billy Martin, Jimmy Crigger, Norris Dishon, Edgar Turman.

## Future Homemakers of America



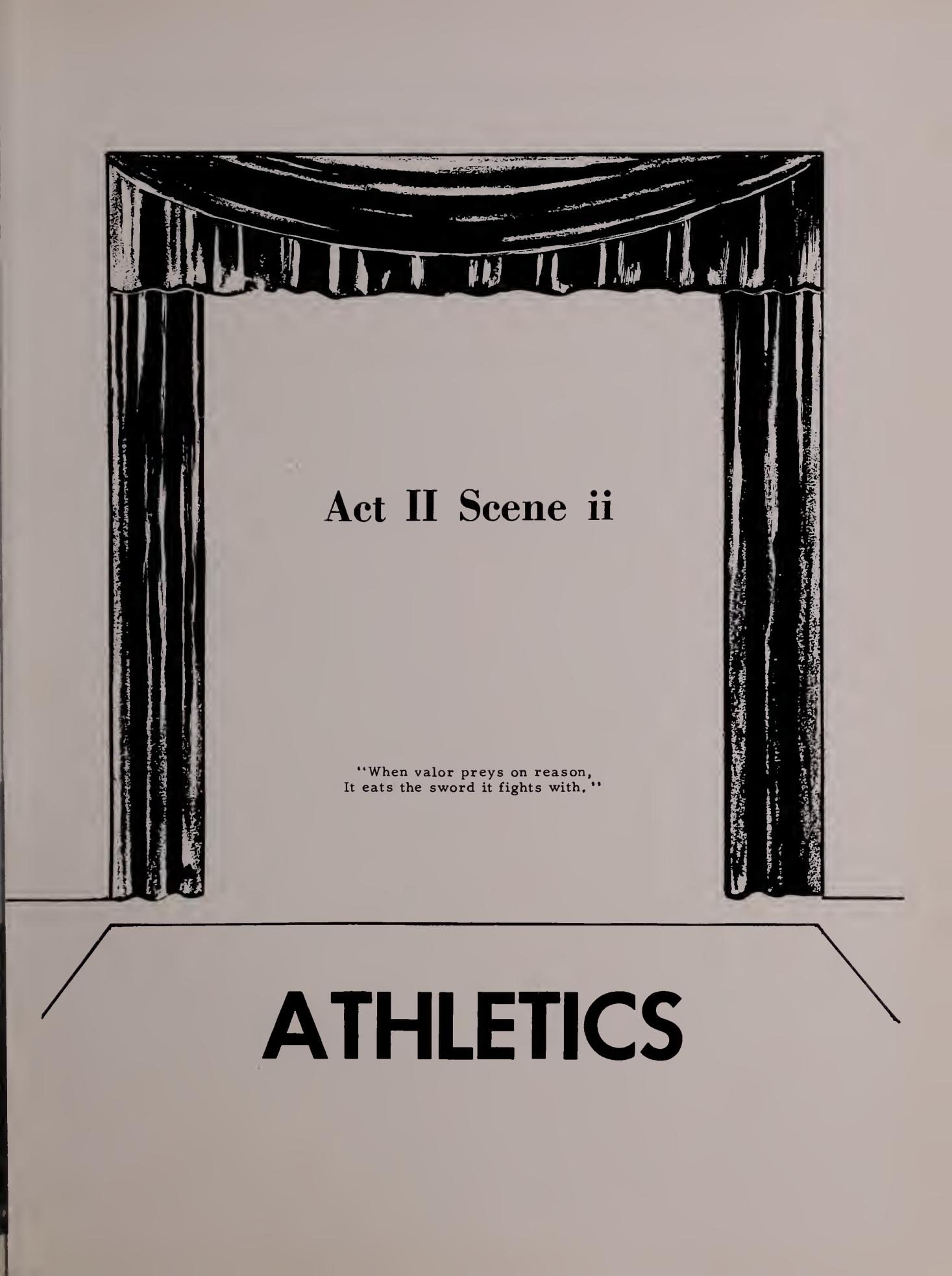
M. Phillips  
M. Turman  
C. Gallimore  
N. O'Dell  
S. Hodge  
S. Southern  
P. Wilson  
B. Akers  
J. Hurst  
C. Buckner  
F. O'Dell  
M. Hollingsworth  
A. Taylor  
J. Foutz  
J. Bond  
B. Shaw  
J. Dalton  
Miss Edmondson  
J. Quesenberry  
B. Gleason  
M. Duncan  
L. Cox  
I. McCambridge  
B. Huddleston  
C. Covey

The Future Homemakers of America is the National organization for pupils who have studied or are studying homemaking in Junior and Senior high schools. The purpose is to promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfaction of homemaking.

M. Cox  
E. Wood  
N. Thornton  
H. O'Dell  
P. Jackson  
L. O'Dell  
E. O'Dell  
B. Howell  
S. Phillips  
Miss Edmondson  
N. Dishon  
P. Kinser  
B. Morefield  
B. Boyd  
C. Moore  
C. Long  
C. Roope  
G. Sutphin  
M. Martin  
P. Warden  
M. Lawson  
M. Rigney  
J. Harler  
L. Burton  
J. Meadows  
P. Jennings  
P. Lester  
A. Chrisley  
M. Watson  
J. Marshall  
F. Harrell  
M. Duncan  
J. Stillwell  
I. Lawson  
G. Shelton  
J. Taylor

## Junior Homemakers of America





## Act II Scene ii

"When valor preys on reason,  
It eats the sword it fights with."

# ATHLETICS

## Cheerleaders



Taylor  
Jackson  
Wilson  
Huddleston  
Hodge  
Southern

The cheerleaders help promote sportsmanship and encourage school spirit. The varsity teams need the support of all students if they are to do their best. We make it our business to see that they receive this support.

## Baseball



Akers  
Hylton  
Dishon  
Bryson  
Clark

The 1952 baseball season was the most successful in recent years for Draper High School. Of our eleven game schedule we won seven and lost four. This was highlighted by the fine pitching of Curtin Hylton and Monroe McMillian.

# *Girls' Basketball*



FIRST ROW: Margaret Rigney, Helen O'Dell, Marie Turman, Claudine Buckner, Irene McCambridge, Betty Gleason, Joyce Dalton, Miss Edmondson, Coach. SECOND ROW: Hattie Taylor, Norma O'Dell, Captain; Joyce Quesenberry, Beth Akers, Jane Wood, Alma Quesenberry, Loretta O'Dell.

## Boys' Basketball



FIRST ROW: Jim Baker, Norris Dishon, Gene Hubbard, Maven Alexander, Royce Akers, Captain; Don Fariss, E. J. Melton. SECOND ROW: Bobby Queenberry, Reginald Hawley, David Coltrane, William Duncan, Monroe McMillian, Johnny Dickerson, Kenneth Duncan, Ralph Allison, Coach.



## Act III Scene i



"They also serve...."

# SPECIALS

BUS DRIVERS

CUSTODIAN

LUNCHROOM WORKERS



Looking through a family photo album recently, I came across a faded picture of a chubby little fellow, dressed in short britches, his books slung over his shoulder by a leather strap. There was an unmistakable look of a schoolboy on his face. Underneath the snapshot were the words: John Kirston Montaine on his first day in third grade. Great-grandfather!

In my imagination I saw him rising long before dawn; eating a hearty breakfast; taking up his books and his dinner pail (containing baked sweet potatoes, cornbread or other coarse fare); donning coat, cap and leggins against the bitter cold; waving goodbye to his mother and younger brothers and sisters and setting off through the field toward the little log school-house three miles away. His chest swelled with pride-it wasn't every boy who could go to school; and though the trek through woods and across fields and stream wasn't a pleasant one, it was a small price to pay for the privilege of going to school.

At noon, great-grandfather and the other boys gathered together to have their lunch, under the watchful eye of the schoolmaster. Sometimes they entertained each other with stories of being chased by some fierce animal while enroute to school or on the return trip home.

If the big boys were good and finished their work, they were rewarded by being allowed to leave the classroom and bring water from the spring at the foot of the hill. A less welcome job was that of keeping the fire going and cleaning the room after school was out for the day. But any excuse to get a relief from sitting on those hard benches!

I understand that a generation or so later, the idea of hot lunches caught hold; grandmother and the youngsters of her day used to take ham or potato biscuits, and blowing the dirt from a spot on top of the pot-bellied stove, toasted the bread a golden brown. There were accidents, however, and sometimes hungry students had charcoal sandwiches for lunch.

Mother says that one of her teachers used to make soup in a big kettle on the stove. It must have been amusing to see those boys and girls appear at the door of the little country school-house with an onion or a potato in their hands instead of the traditional "apple for the teacher". Each one contributed his part.

How very lucky we are, I thought, closing the album and laying it aside. Our morning slumbers are not disturbed by the insistant: Hey! Wake up, you sleepy head. It'll take a good hour to make that walk to school. No, we turn over, take our second nap, get up at 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock, are picked up punctually at our own front gate, ride comfortably, safely to school several miles away.

We start and end each day in a well-heated, clean building. At noon we walk around the corner to the school lunchroom and enjoy a tasty, hot lunch, or we sit down together to enjoy a lunch packed from produce canned in our community cannery.

Just how much effort do we expend in all this? Exactly none. Our bus drivers, our custodian, our cooks, our student waitresses and other community workers serve us faithfully and well, and they have done so for a number of years. So it is with pride and humility that we say "Thank you".

# *A Job To Do*



# *Reminiscin'*

By a teacher

3:30 P.M., June 8th, 1953-a shrill bell announces the end of another school day and another school year. The mad rush of departing footsteps dies away and I'm left alone. It's another half hour before I'm free to leave. There are things to be done-a window to close, a book shelf to straighten, a blackboard to erase, and a few other odds and ends that mark the close of each school day.

I pull hard on the window, which as usual is stuck tight; and think of all the other times I've spent my strength and left it undisturbed, to return next day and find a miniature river flowing along mingled with the black oil which the custodian uses on the floors to keep down dust. How many times I've looked down to find shoemarks on the carpet at home from that very oil. I'm not sure how good a remedy it is for dust, but it's certainly an excellent lubricant, both for shoes and dress hems, which invariably drag in it on the steps.

As I stand there before the still open window, a mouse peeps warily from under a radiator and scurries away. He's slick and well-fed from the discarded lunches that find their way behind the radiators. I wonder if he ever tries a wastebasket--but, then, who'd expect to find scraps there?

How very like his fellow classmates is this little one. They too, peep around corners and scurry away, not however, in search of discarded sandwiches. Do you suppose he knows or cares what a noun or an adverb is, or how he should punctuate his squeaks? Perhaps not, but he likes our school anyway.

Maybe he's here for the social contacts, to enjoy his friends or to escape that unpleasant job at home. Why, do you know if he stayed at home he'd have to do most of the plowing, help harvest the crop, do all the chores around the farm and help with the dishes, as if he didn't have enough to do already. Besides, that's girls' work!

Starting from this reverie at the slam of a door downstairs, I move on to the next job at hand. The bookshelf is a maze of all sorts of paraphernalia. There's a library book due on April 1st "Back to Treasure Island". Smiling, I think: "At least some freshman enjoyed Stevenson's story of adventure, or was he just doing a sly polish job on the old apple?"

I pick up a book from the bottom shelf, open it, and see in bold print on the fly leaf: "In case of fire, throw in". On page 53, in a scrawling hand appears the following--"Same old dress for the last three years. I guess they are underpaid".

Smoothing the wrinkles from my two-and-a-half-year-old dress, I move on to the blackboard, pick up a dusty eraser. Simultaneously, there crowd into my mind scenes of eraser battles during my absence. There are tell-tale marks on the ceiling and around the walls, not to mention those daily eradicated from an F.F.A. jacket and from over the left ear. "Erasers must be dusted somehow," I think with a sly grin.

In the upper right corner of the board I see carved this claim: Reserved for H.T.M. and A.R.C. Just beneath this and at various other positions, there is the provincial heart, initialed and pierced by cupid's arrow. Who doesn't feel a pang of nostalgia at the sight of a pair of youngsters timidly holding hands and making sheep's eyes at each other? Puppy love, you say. Perhaps. But it's real enough to the puppy, isn't it?

At this moment, the custodian brings me abruptly back to the present with "closing up." I pick up my things, take a last look around, walk down the steps, and out the door, which he locks after me.

With the look of satisfaction which comes as the priceless reward of a job well done, Draper High School closes her eyes and dies a quiet, painless death.

## *Elementary Building*

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With this they carry on.

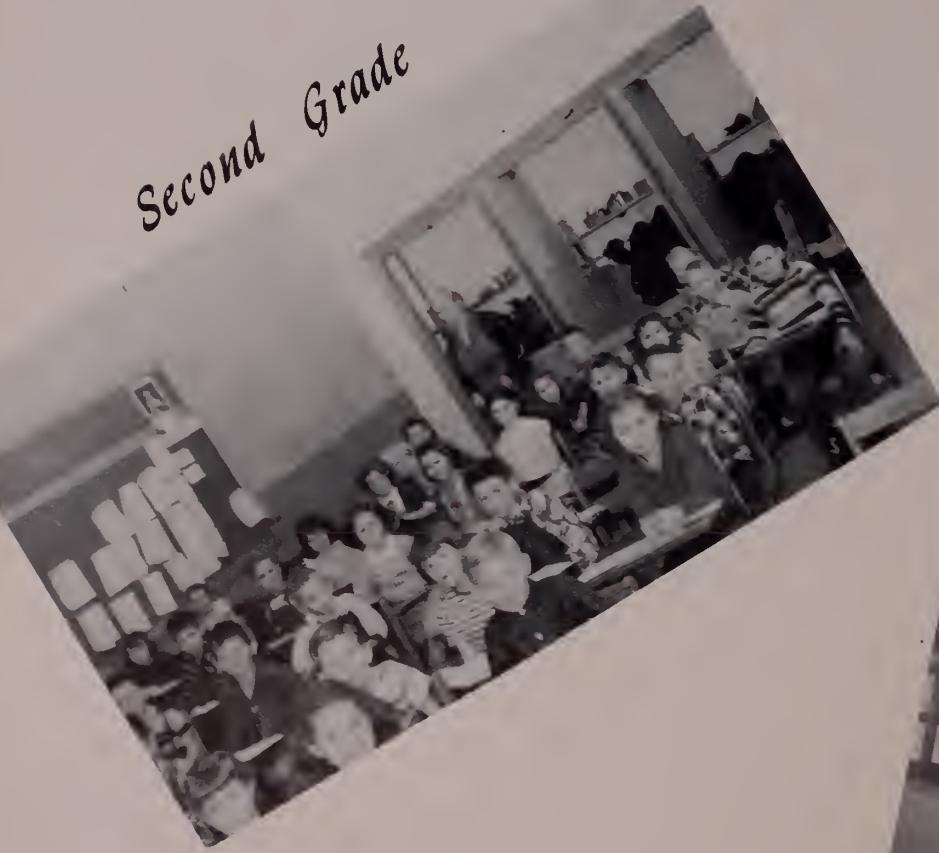
## *A Forward Look*

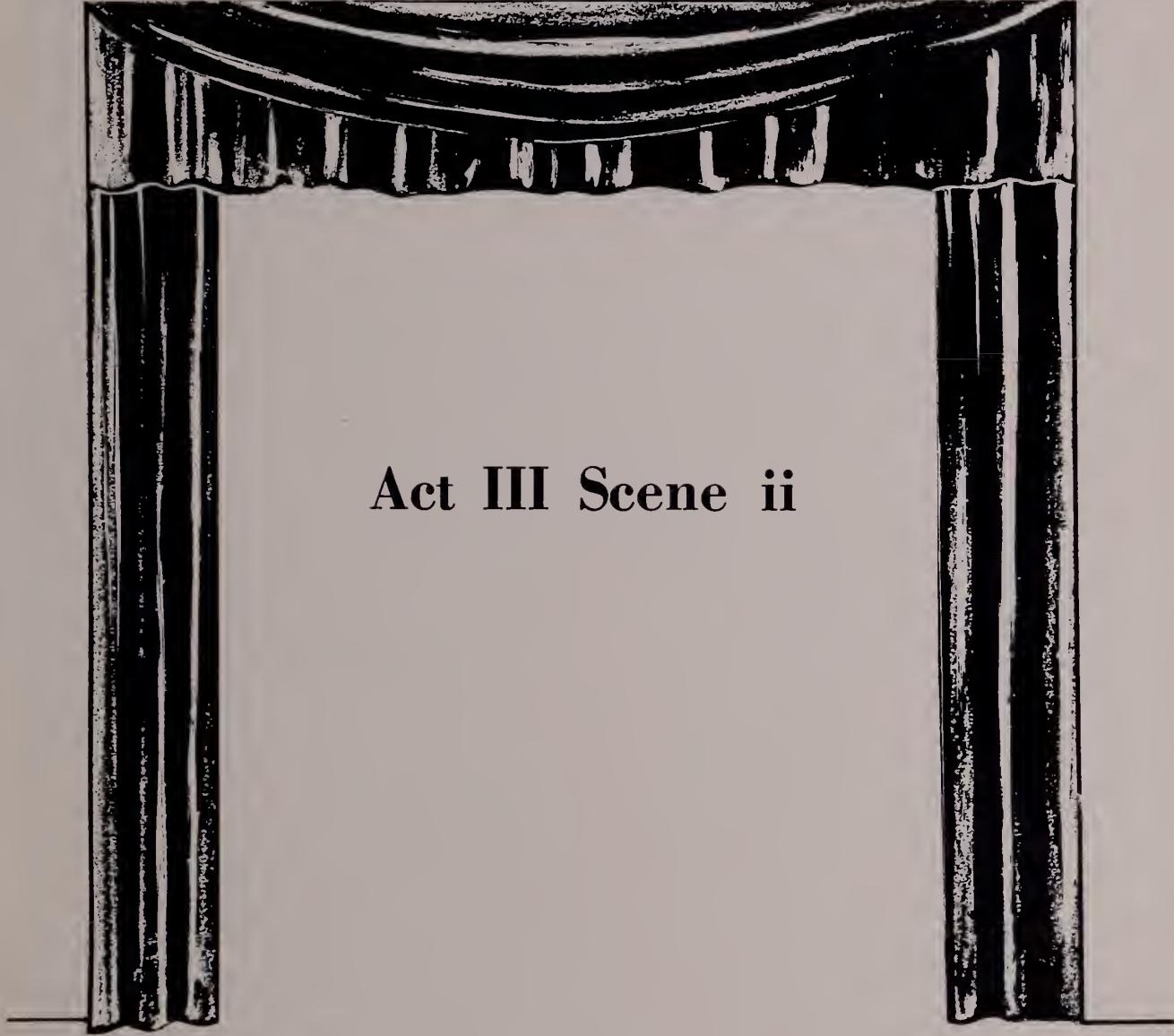
Dear old D.H.S.! These memories will linger forever, and will be even more precious since we are the last class to graduate. Our underclassmen will have many opportunities in the new school--better and a larger variety of subjects, more activities so everyone has a chance to develop his abilities and talents. We exhort you to quickly become an active member of the school and make the most of the opportunities that are yours.

Although we are leaving Draper High School, we will be interested in the elementary school where many of our sisters and brothers are. They too, will have greater opportunities in the new building.

We cannot live in the past, nor in the future; but we shall have fond memories of the past, and we wish for you a happy, prosperous future, which will be the present tomorrow.

*Second Grade*





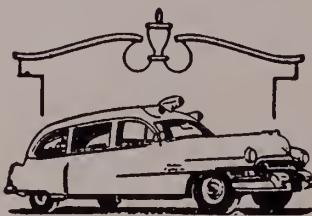
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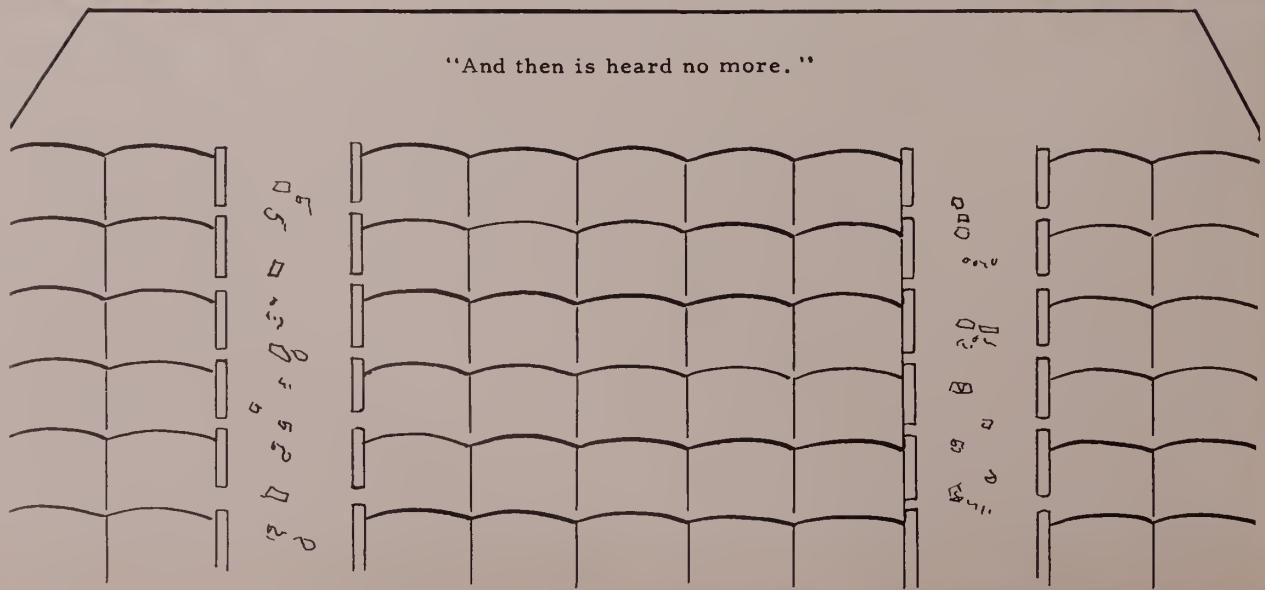
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